

Noel just a lot of wind ✓

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DUXBURY —Saturday's storm didn't cause much damage in town, mostly knocking down branches and some small trees. The storm, however, did knock out the e-mail system at town hall and caused some minor power outages.

According to the National Weather Service in Taunton, gusts of wind from the remnants of Hurricane Noel were anywhere from 57 to 66 mph during the

height of the storm.

Barbara Ripley, Executive Assistant to the Town Manager, said the town's Outlook Express e-mail system must have gone down Saturday during the storm and was still unavailable at the open of business hours on Monday.

Director of Public Works Tom Daley said the town had a tree service out in full force this weekend picking up downed trees and branches from the wild weather. He said there was no

major damage anywhere, mostly just cleanup that kept crews busy.

"The e-mail being down is the worst part," Daley said.

Deputy Fire Chief Chris West said the station handled about 20 calls between 1 p.m. to 7 p.m., mostly for downed trees, branches, wires and transformer explosions. The fire station was without power for most of the night until about 9:30 Sunday morning. Back-up genera-

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tors allowed them to continue business. Because the fire department is on a different system than town hall, its phones and e-mail system was not affected by the storm.

Although at high tide the waves were crashing over the seawalls a little bit, West said there was no flooding. They did receive a med-

ical call to Duxbury Beach where a person was either surfing or windsurfing during the storm and lost his board in the strong water. A driver in the area saw the man in the water and called for help. According to West he was brought to the east end of the Powder Point Bridge, but refused treatment and transport to the hospital.